<u>Forest Land-Gondia</u>
Diversion of 17.04 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd for extraction of Iron Ore at Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.FLD-35A07/C.R.274/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date: 11.05.2023

Reference:

1) Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/I.D.11410/493/07-08, dt.16.06.2007
2) Government of Maharashtra Letter No. FLD-353/07/CR-274/F-10, dt.03.11.2008
3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bhopal Letters-

   No.6-MHC058/2008-BHO/781, dt.27.03.2009,

   No. 6-MHC058/2008-BHO/909, dt.15.04.2009
4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No.

   Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ I.D.11410/2325/2021-22, dt.03.02.2022
5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. 6-MHC058/2008-BHO/10158, dt.16.08.2022
6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letters No.
   Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ I.D.12410/1681/2020-21, dt.03.12.2021,
   Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ I.D.11410/2325/2021-22, dt.03.02.2022,
   Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ I.D.11410/64/23-24, dt.06.04.2023.
7) Collector, Gondia Certificate No.Mah-1/CR16/2/WS-102/2023, dt.29.03.2023

Order:-

Whereas, the Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 17.56 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd for extraction of Iron Ore from Survey No. 553 and 568 at Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia to the Government of Maharashtra;

AND Whereas, the Government of Maharashtra, vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted above said proposal to Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhopal;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India after due consideration, vide letters under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 17.56 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of

Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide letter under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 17.56 ha. Forest Land for extraction of Iron Ore at Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia in favour of M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

AND whereas, the Collector, Gondia has issued certificate under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for 17.04 ha. forest land in Survey No.553 of Village Manegaon vide letter under reference No.7

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that **out of proposed 17.56 ha. forest land, only 17.04 ha. forest land in Survey No.553 at Village Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia be diverted to the User Agency**, i.e. M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd, M.I.D.C, Hingna Road, Nagpur for extraction of Iron Ore. Decision for remaining 0.52 ha. land at Survey No.568 at Village Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia will be taken separately.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters dated 27.03.2009, 15.04.2009 and dated 16.08.2022 of Government of India. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Proposed land at Survey No.568, Village Manegaon, Tal. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia shall not be handed over to the User Agency, till further directions of the State Government.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Government of India, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of India's letters dated 27.03.2009, 15.04.2009 and dated 16.08.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall report through the State Government to the Regional Officer (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This Government Order of is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with Reference no. 202305111508144419. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

GANESH TUKARAM JADHAO

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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
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3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Gondia
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gondia
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Gondia
11. M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd, Nagpur
12. Select File.

13. I. Collector, Gondia and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gondia are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. M/s. Jayaswal NECO Ltd is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur and Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Gondia

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.